

till the middle of February, 1971. On 20th February, she came out of the bush with the baby in broad day-light at about 13.00 hrs.

On 27th February, evening the calf was seen nibbling green fodder for the first time. She took some fodder leaves in her mouth and attempted to chew and continued to play like this for about 15 minutes. From 17th March, 1971, the calf started to take some green fodder. The calf has now grown considerably stronger and bigger.

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5. WHITE BISON OF MANJAMPATTI

With reference to Mr. Davidar's note on the 'White Bison' in the Vol. 67 (3) of the *Journal*, your readers might be interested to know that there is a mounted specimen of the head of a cow 'white bison' in the High Range Club in Munnar. This was, I think presented by a Mr. Ranicar and was obtained from the Talanji area prior to 1939. The pelage is fawn, and was originally almost cream coloured, but has darkened somewhat with age and dust. Though I have never seen the 'white bison' in this area myself I have spoken to many planters, all of whom have since retired, who, like Mr. Ranicar, saw the herd on many occasions. I gather that in those days the pale coloured variation was confined to the animals in one herd only. Over the past twenty years I have frequently asked the Pulyars, as well as the Muduvans who occasionally visit the area, whether there are any 'white bison' left, and have always been told that they have not seen any for many years. On my many trips during that period along the Munnar-Udumalpet road, although I have occasionally seen the normal-coloured Gaur. I have never seen any of the pale variety, and my information from the above-mentioned planters was that in the old days the herd was never seen west of the Pambar-Amaravathi River.

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